

PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
Of the
Suffolk County Legislature

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Public Information Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature

Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on **February 10, 2004.**

Members Present:

Legislator Angie Carpenter - Chairperson

Legislator Pete O'Leary - Vice-Chair

Legislator David Bishop

Legislator William Lindsay

Legislator Andrew Crecca

Legislator Daniel Losquadro

Legislator Lynne Nowick

Also In Attendance:

Mea Knapp - Counsel to the Legislature

Alexandra Sullivan - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature

Meaghan O'Reilly - Aide to Presiding Officer Caracappa

Maria Amiratti - Aide to Legislator O'Leary

Tim Laube - Aide to Legislator Lindsay

Joanne Doering - Budget Analyst/Budget Review Office

Ivan Young - County Executive's Office/Intergovernmental Relations

Richard Dormer - Commissioner/Suffolk County Police Department

Dennis Meehan - Deputy Inspector/Suffolk County Police Department

Donald Sullivan - Undersheriff/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office

Alan Otto - Chief of Staff/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office

Robert Kearon - Bureau Chief/District Attorney's Office

Lynne Bizzaro - Chief Deputy/County Attorney's Office

Debbie Eppel - Director/Public Information Office

Bill Ellis - Director of Public Relations/Correction Officer's Assoc.

Arty Cliff - President/Police Benevolent Association

Tom Muratore - Vice-President/Police Benevolent Association

Ruth Cusack - Suffolk County League of Women Voters

Elie Seidman-Smith - Director/Community Service Program/ARC

All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

(*The meeting was called to order at 1:44 P.M.*).

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Welcome to the Public Safety and Public Information Committee.

I apologize for the delay, but we were a little backed up this morning with public hearings in the first committee of the day. So without further ado, I would ask Legislator Losquadro to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Salutation

Thank you very much. Okay, we have before us just one resolution this afternoon and I would ask Mr. Desmond to please come forward, John Desmond from the Probation Department. The resolution before us is ***1082-04 - Confirming the appointment of the County Director of Probation, John K. Desmond.***

Good afternoon, John. Thank you for your patience and thank you for joining us. John has been a member of the department, is it 31 years?

MR. DESMOND:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thirty-one years. And I know, I'm sure that his face is familiar to many of the members of the

committee, we have seen him in the community, we have seen him working on a number of issues and I, in particular, want to thank you for your participation in the years past on the Children's Commission; we really do appreciate all of the input.

Tell us a little bit about yourself and how you feel poised to take on this new role as the Director.

MR. DESMOND:

Thank you very much. I really appreciate being here. This is the culmination hopefully for me of my career in the county, a career that I've really enjoyed. I've have learned and grown so much in the jobs that I've had in Civil Service. I have been in the County 31 years, I started out as a Narcotics Probation Officer, I went from there to Supervisor. I have been in all components of the Probation Department; Family Court, Detention, Family Court Section, Investigations, I've run the ROR and Specialized Units for the Alternatives to Incarceration, I've handled both the Adult Day Reporting Program and the Juvenile Day Reporting Program. My speciality within the department has been focused on mentally ill and the chemically addicted.

If you do me the great honor of confirming me as Director, it's my intention to work with you, with the elected officials of the County and with the County Executive on the major pressing issues of the next two years, the question of the jail overcrowding and the construction of the Children's Shelter as well as the problem of juvenile placements through the Family Court.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I have one question in particular, and I'm sorry we didn't have the opportunity to speak earlier. But there have been some issues in the past with the American Red Cross Community Service Program; do you anticipate that being a problem? Do you -- I mean, do you have a history of working with them, what is the story?

MR. DESMOND:

Well, I have to tell the committee that at one point I played bridge with Elie Seidman-Smith.

LEG. CRECCA:

So that means (inaudible).

LEG. BISHOP:

Did she communicate at bridge without speaking?

MR. DESMOND:

It's not possible. Since I have been acting as Director-designee for the last month or so, I instituted a new program with Red Cross to get their investigators in to the Family Court Section of supervision as quickly as possible. One of the problems we had was that for one reason or another Community Service was not beginning for the juveniles for three or four months which can be a big problem because PINS are only under supervision for one year. What I did was we have an orientation for all new juveniles and their parents once a month and I brought Red Cross into that so that they do the interviews right at that initial stage thus cutting out hopefully two months. I have worked with Red Cross very successfully in the past with Elie and with the Community Service Program.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, I'm delighted to hear that because I know this is a program that the Legislature has been very, very supportive of, they do really good work in the community and I'm delighted to hear that and hopefully some of the issues that we've had in the past will be behind us.

I want to, you know, on the record applaud the County Executive for this appointment. I think it is absolutely, you know, wonderful to see someone who has been devoted to the County, who has a long history with the County, being given the opportunity when it presented itself for you to be the Commissioner; kind of this is the way it should be as far as I'm concerned. It really does send a very nice message.

The other concern I do have that I want to put on the record is the other thing that has been brought to our attention as Legislators in the past from some of the Probation Officers and that is that they have the resources to do their job and do their job properly, that they have vehicles, that they have the tools necessary. And again, that has been a little bit of a battle in the past and I'm hoping that we get a commitment from you that you will be there advocating for the men and women in the department and giving them what they need.

MR. DESMOND:

It will be my pleasure. Having been out on the street, I know what they have and I know the hard work that they do and I want to make sure they have the resources that they need, especially vehicles.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

And again, that is the beauty of someone like yourself being given this opportunity. Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Yeah, Mr. Desmond, I, too, want to echo Legislator Carpenter's remarks. Your resume is really -- you're probably the most qualified person I've ever seen come before this Legislature for a position. And being that you spent many years in the department there's no learning curve, you know what the problems are and whatever. Just two little issues, we did have a crisis with the cars, we purchased some cars; is there enough cars now in Probation?

MR. DESMOND:

No, Your Honor -- oh, sorry. I'm used to the courts. I get in trouble with the Judges much more often than I would the Legislature, thank God.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Let's keep it that way.

MR. DESMOND:

But to be honest, I was just reviewing the car records the last two days and all of our vehicles are being used pretty much to their maximum. And I have received feedback from the officers in the field that they do need additional vehicles, so that is something I will be bringing to the attention of both the County Executive and of the Legislature.

LEG. LINDSAY:

And getting back to another subject that was briefly covered, we will be looking to you as well as other people in the law enforcement community to come up with ideas to alternatives to locking people up. And with your vast experience, you know, or anything that you can see to avoid us incarcerating people, we're all ears. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you, Legislator Lindsay. Next on the list is Legislator Crecca followed by O'Leary and

Bishop.

LEG. CRECCA:

I guess at the potential to sound like a broken record, I reiterate the comments of both Legislator Lindsay and Legislator Carpenter. It's great to see somebody move up within the ranks and it's great to have somebody who's coming in with the experience of having hands-on experience of all these different positions within the Probation Department.

My question for you is the juvenile -- proposed Juvenile Detention Center, that project is under way, as I'm sure you're aware, and I guess my first question for you is are you committed to seeing that project through? While I know it's a Public Works project right now, certainly the Department of Probation handles juvenile detention and I would just ask for your quick synopsis or views on that, Juvenile Detention Center and whether or not it's needed.

MR. DESMOND:

Thank you for the question. I don't think there's any question that the Juvenile Detention Center is vitally needed. I've been appalled over the years that we've had to transfer -- transport juveniles to Syracuse and Buffalo only to bring them back 24 or 48 hours later. It's a terrible thing to do to a child, especially children that are in the middle of crisis as they often are, not to mention the questions of providing appropriate medical and psychiatric/mental health assistance to them at that point.

There's a couple of beauties to having the shelter in Suffolk County.

I believe that it will allow the Family Court Judges much more ability to plan appropriately for children, to keep them contained at the shelter for a reasonable period of time, not for some of the more extensive delays that we encounter because they're housed outside the County and have to be brought back and forth. The shelter will also allow us to do other things; one, it will allow us to perform some diagnostic work with the children at the shelter which will save us some money; and the other one is it's also possible that the judges will be able to go there to do arraignments in emergency situations which will provide a health and safety benefit as well. I actively look forward to that shelter.

LEG. CRECCA:

And I'd ask you, while the Legislature has stayed on top of Public Works to keep this project moving, I'd ask you to join us in that effort after your appointment -- should that happen, the

confirmation of your appointment -- to really keep the pressure on to get that building opened and operational. Thank you.

MR. DESMOND:

Thank you. I guarantee you we'll keep you informed.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. Next, Legislator O'Leary.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Legislator Crecca stole my question regarding the juvenile facility, so -- but I do just want to comment that your credentials and resume are impeccable, I think you're one of the most qualified individuals to come before us with respect to a confirmation. And more important, your former colleagues and peers within the Probation Department strongly support this appointment and I, too, concur that it's a great appointment for the County. I'm convinced that you will be a strong advocate and supporter of the needs and concerns of the subordinates that you'll have in the department, namely the Probation Officers with respect to their equipment and the services they perform. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Legislator Bishop.

LEG. BISHOP:

Good afternoon, Mr. Desmond. Since you have obviously earned the respect of my colleagues, perhaps we can use my time to educate them on your department and the effectiveness of your department.

It's my understanding that most expensive program in Probation costs -- Comprehensive Case Management Program costs \$8 per day per client, prisoner, inmate, whereas our jail cost is over \$200 a day, the second most expensive in the State, more expensive than the City of New York. So given that, what I think my colleagues, including Legislator Crecca, would want to know --

LEG. CRECCA:

I know it.

LEG. BISHOP:

What's that? Is there room to expand these programs, our Probation programs; is it possible that we can reach more prisoners and effectively deal with them?

MR. DESMOND:

Yes, I believe it is. There's two areas where I think that there can be significant savings to the County, the first one is with those who have significant mental health problems. The best guarantee of an extensive period of time in the jail depending on your original crime is if you have a significant psychiatric diagnoses; those people statistically will spend more time in the jail than any other group. I believe that we can identify them either at the time of arrest or at the time of arraignment, begin treatment planning for them, provide them with medication, stabilize them and get them released more quickly than normal into programs that will benefit them protect and protect the community.

The other area where we can do some significant savings would be working with sex offenders. I believe that by providing them with treatment through Probation, both our own officers and consultants, and by the use of electronic monitoring, we can return some of these people to the community. I'm not going to say safely, it's never a guaranteed thing, but we have a better chance of working with them.

One of the things that has been determined is that the best chance you have of affecting a sex offender is to be in treatment as early in life as possible, and that's one of the reasons that we've instituted a number of programs with the juveniles working with sex offenders. That's our best chance with that population; by the time they get 19, 20, 21 we've already lost them.

LEG. BISHOP:

How about nonviolent offenders who are short-term sentenced? I read a report, perhaps you were involved in the writing of, which suggests that if we were able to divert as little as half of 250 current prisoners who are categorized as such, we could save millions of dollars by only spending tens of thousand of dollars.

MR. DESMOND:

That's very true. But in order to do that, we need the cooperation of the Courts, the District Attorney's Office, Legal Aid. We would be more than willing to provide those services to identify and get these people into treatment. The vast majority of these nonviolent offenders have

significant substance abuse histories, they often need treatment, and a number of them also have psychiatric problems. Given the appropriate level of support within the criminal justice system, we can definitely bring a number of these people out of the jail at a substantial savings.

LEG. BISHOP:

Very good. I look forward to working with you on bringing those initiatives to fruition, particularly when it comes to nonviolent offenders and to the mentally ill. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I just have a clarification of what you've said. You felt that we have the ability to do that; do you say then that we have the necessary staff and resources to do that or would we have to add the positions in order to expand these programs into the sex offenders, those with mental problems, substance abuse and so forth?

MR. DESMOND:

In terms of the nonviolent offenders, I believe that we can use the resources that we already have within the Probation Department to expand that, and I've already begun working with other aspects of the criminal justice system to do that. In terms of expanding sex offender and mental health programs, we would need additional resources as all the resources we already have within the Probation Department are maximized.

In addition, to be very frank, the mental health system in this County is severely strained and if we're going to take on additional supervision, we need to provide those people with appropriate clinical work.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

So without those -- the expenditure of those additional resources or personnel, and/or, how many people do you realistically think could be handled with the given staff and resources we have today?

MR. DESMOND:

If I can use my electronic monitoring staff to the fullest, I can probably handle very comfortably 50 additional people from the jail; anything above that would require additional resources.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay, thank you very much. Are there any other questions? Okay, then I would like to move this resolution and would like to make the motion to approve, with a second by Legislators O'Leary and Lindsay, to appoint John K. Desmond as the Commissioner of Probation. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? None, there are none. **Approved (Vote: 6-0-0-0).** Congratulations, very well deserved. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, the following Tuesday.

MR. DESMOND:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Next we have a brief presentation by Paulette Bartunek who is the Director of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission, she wants to give us a very brief overview of their annual report.

DIRECTOR BARTUNEK:

Good afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Hi, Paulette. Nice to see you.

DIRECTOR BARTUNEK:

My name is Paulette Bartunek and I am the Executive Director of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you today. Our Chairperson, Rabbi Stephen Moss, would also have been here today but he's on sabbatical and he's currently out of town so he asked me to apologize for his absence.

Since you're the committee that oversees the Human Rights Commission,.

I came here today to give you copies of the Commission's Annual Report for 2003; I have them right here. I hope you will find the time in your busy schedules to review the report in its entirety as we are very proud of our accomplishments. Right now I would like to take just a few minutes of your time to give you a brief synopsis of the report and answer any questions you might have.

The Human Rights Commission uses two key methods to further our mission, the investigation

of discrimination complaints and community outreach. In 2003 we responded to 2,270 requests for assistance and we investigated 186 jurisdictional complaints of discrimination; this represents approximately a 9% increase in cases over the previous year and a 30% increase over 2001. It is unclear at this point whether the actual number of incidences has increased by that amount or if we are also receiving more complaints due to our continuing efforts at community outreach. We suspect that both come into play as well as the fact that complaints typically increase with a worsening economy as jobs become more scarce.

Seventy-five percent of the cases we investigate are employment related, as they have been for many years; 25% typically fall into other areas such as public accommodation. The statistics for the year show that 25% of our cases are based on allegations of race discrimination. Sex discrimination is also a very large category representing 14% of our total cases and includes many types of discrimination such as sexual harassment, pregnancy discrimination and equal pay claims.

Through our relationships with the State and Federal agencies, we accept and investigate complaints that are duly filed with the State Division of Human Rights and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. This provides a convenience for those residing in Suffolk County since they can file locally and it eliminates duplication of service. At the County level, we are able to respond much more rapidly than State and Federal agencies that are often burdened with large backlogs. In the past few years we have worked diligently to eliminate our own backlog. Seventy-five percent of our investigations are now completed within six months and only 5% of our cases take 18 months or longer to close. Of the 26 cases that we were able to conciliate in 2003, 18 of them were completed within one year of the initial intake. These conciliations which are detailed in the written report amounted to \$120,000 in benefits to complainants. Additionally, our thorough investigation of one company this year was instrumental in the decision of the EEOC to file suit in Federal Court on behalf of 22 Hispanics who are being denied equal pay and benefits by that one employer.

We are not, however, only a complaint driven agency. We also provide technical advice and assistance to employers on how to comply with the law to avoid potential complaints. In 2003 we conducted several training sessions for employees, including Southampton Town employees and the Supervisory Personnel at Farmingdale University. We have also continued to conduct regular training sessions at the Police Academy for new recruits. To make the community more knowledgeable about our services as well as about the law, we made presentations to local

groups such as the NAACP and Women on the Job. We also provide training to schools including a presentation to the Setauket Elementary School on disability discrimination.

By being present and involved with the various diverse communities that make up Suffolk County, we are able to remain cognizant of pertinent issues and respond to concerns in a timely manner. During 2003 we attended more than 100 community meetings, conferences and summits. We also continued our outreach efforts by having tables at events such as the 2003 Youth Odyssey in Bay Shore and the Riverhead Human Services Fair.

In spite of all our efforts, however, we cannot control the warped intentions and cruel actions of some bigoted individuals such as the teens who burned a Farmingville family's home this summer simply because they were Mexican. What the commission can do in these situations, and did do, was assist a hurting community in keeping tensions from reaching a crisis level. We have worked with the Suffolk Police Department, the U.S. Department of Justice, several immigrant advocacy groups and the Latino community to make sure that the community understood the legal process that is necessary and that took place to solve the case and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Our meetings and activities in this regard are also detailed in the written report.

Farmingville was only one example of the many times in 2003 that the commission reached out in an effort to alleviate tensions in the community. We also worked with the Department of Justice's Community Relation Service regarding a situation in Wyandanch when a citizen videotaped an African-American man being arrested by white police officers who allegedly used undue force. We worked with the Justice Department again in Center Moriches when a family at the {Poospatuck} reservation alleged that there was a racial incident at a local school, and in Southampton in an ongoing effort to help that community deal with its emerging day laborer issue. None of these issues -- not all of these issues make headlines as the Farmingdale (sic) incident did, but they are important issues to the community's concern and we are glad that we can be of assistance.

The commission also helped three major events during 2003. Our largest was the Awards Luncheon where we were able to focus on the positive contributions of individuals and organizations in the community who work toward a more equal and just society. In addition, we held two educational programs that were very well received. We held a forum for businesses and the public on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues in the workplace and we held a forum on

disparities of health care entitled Moving Toward Equality.

In looking ahead, we already have many projects planned for 2004. Our newly rejuvenated committee structure within the commission is resulting in more focus on several important areas such as disparities in our educational system, particularly in special education programs. We are planning more conferences and forums as well as a Junior Human Rights Commission Program for students.

In terms of case processing, we hope to be working with this Legislature on obtaining needed amendments to our local Human Rights Law and will be working closely with the new County Attorney, Christine Malafi, in establishing procedures to enhance our local enforcement. We also plan to implement a new database to more easily track our case processing and we expect to tie into the State Division's computerized tracking system this year as well.

The commission remains dedicated to serving the people of Suffolk County and we will continue to work diligently toward making our agency an exemplary Human Rights Organization. Thank you again for your time and I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have now, or once you read the report, please call me at my office if you have any questions.

LEG. BISHOP:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much, Paulette. We really appreciate you coming down and really do look forward, this committee, to working with you. Does anyone have any questions or comments? Okay, we'll look forward to reviewing that report and seeing you at future meetings. Thank you.

DIRECTOR BARTUNEK:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay, thank you. We have one card, Lynne Bizzarro from the County Attorney's Office.

MS. BIZZARRO:

Thank you, Chairperson Carpenter, good afternoon and good afternoon to the attending

Legislators. My name is Lynne Bizzarro and I'm the Chief Deputy for the County -- of the Suffolk County Attorney's Department. And I just wish to advise the committee that there is \$8 million of available funding from the State in connection with PSAP Enhanced Wireless Service.

The PSAP's are the Public Safety Answering Points that we have, we have approximately 12 of them. Basically the money can be realized by the County of Suffolk in the event it files an application with the State by March 5th, 2004, along with a County resolution regarding that funding. We will be preparing and presenting a resolution which will be presented by a Certificate of Necessity at the next Legislative meeting of February 24th, 2004, to be voted upon. Once approved, that resolution will be sent along with the application for the available funding. Basically the funding is being provided by the State under the New York County Law, it's Article 6 of the County Law, Sections 325 through 333, and I just wanted you to be aware of that.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much, Lynne. This \$8 million grant for the PSAP's, is that for Suffolk County or is that amongst other people who applied for it?

MS. BIZZARRO:

Apparently there's about 100 million that's available and eight million of it could be earmarked for the County. I don't know all the specifics --

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Wait, wait.

MS. BIZZARRO:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

A hundred million available and eight million could be available for Suffolk County?

MS. BIZZARRO:

Right, I think the pot is 100 million, I don't know who can share in that pot, but we can take -- we can share -- we're looking to get the \$8 million.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay.

MS. BIZZARRO:

The problem is it's a matching, apparently the County puts in 10% so it has to match that. And I don't know how it gets divvied up amongst the PSAP's, I think there's also a question as to whether or not all of the PSAP's can get the funding because I believe they're not all municipalities, one of them may be a not-for-profit. So I don't know how the divvying up goes, I don't know if the County then gets to keep some of the money, I don't know all the ins and outs of it.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Are you working with FRES on this?

MS. BIZZARRO:

Yes, we're working with FRES and I have somebody in the Municipal Law Department doing research, working on it. We have already received a form resolution from the State, you know, something that they will be satisfied with along with the application, so we are working on it. We just got the assignment on Friday so we're trying to move forward on it.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. Legislator Bishop.

LEG. BISHOP:

Is this money that was already budgeted for in 2004, or is this found money?

MS. BIZZARRO:

Budgeted you mean by the County.

LEG. BISHOP:

Right.

MS. BIZZARRO:

I do not know the answer to that.

LEG. BISHOP:

Well, I think hopefully Budget Review knows the answer.

MS. DOERING:

I can't tell you off the top of my head, I can find out.

LEG. BISHOP:

Could you find out now, if you would? Because I know you weren't here yet, we discussed PSAP allocation to the non-FRES agencies in the County budget and we passed a specific budget resolution allocating down to them and I don't know if it was allocating this pie which you're anticipating or if it was another pie and now we have an additional second pie, which would be wonderful.

MS. BIZZARRO:

Right.

LEG. BISHOP:

But it also serves as a model of how we did the allocations. And, you know, working with FRES is wonderful but FRES is going to say, "Give us a hundred percent," and that's not the policy that the Legislature has adopted. We recognize that the PSAP's throughout the County require upgrading in funding as well and the only way they can get it is through the County, so that's why --

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

No, I don't disagree with you. But again, this is a conversation I guess you need to have with the County Executive, too.

Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. BISHOP:

Well, I'm having it with Lynne now.

LEG. LINDSAY:

The point that Legislator Bishop makes is, you know, you might not need a resolution if you do some research on this because we just did this in the Omnibus.

LEG. BISHOP:

Right.

LEG. LINDSAY:

So it's really only a couple of months old.

MS. BIZZARRO:

So in other words, you're thinking there may be resolution.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Yeah, the money might be there already and the resolution might have already been a done deal.

MS. BIZZARRO:

I believe -- and that may be true and I've been trying to figure out if maybe --

LEG. BISHOP:

You might need a specific resolution accepting the grant.

MS. BIZZARRO:

Right, and I'll see what's in there and see if that is fine with the State and if they're okay with it, that would be great, so we're still doing the research in trying to find that. But I'll make sure that we double check and look back in time, absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. And as far as process is concerned, I think it's very helpful that you are here in light of the fact that you are anticipating that we may need a CN, because it certainly works a lot better when the committees know ahead of time that a CN may be coming at the full Legislature.

Are there any other questions? Okay, thank you very much.

MS. BIZZARRO:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

We have no other cards. Did anyone else want to address the committee? Okay, then we have a motion to adjourn. Thank you very much.

Good afternoon.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 P.M. *)

***Legislator Angie Carpenter, Chairperson
Public Safety & Public Information Committee***

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